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## French police detain Jordanian

May 14 (AP)—French police said today they were holding a man and a Lebanese woman suspected of trying to smuggle kilograms of plastic explosives from Lebanon to Paris in a suitcase with a false bottom. The woman, 30, was found to be 42 but her identity was not released. Police both were found carrying several passports with names. Ibrahim Al Baz, 29, was arrested at Charles de Gaulle International Airport where he arrived from Beirut on Friday. He was questioned over the weekend while held word of his detention, and appeared before a magistrate Monday, the sources said. Mr. Baz, who is a student in West Germany, was said to have been customs while awaiting a flight to Frankfurt. The he was born in Halhoul, a Palestinian village on the east Bank of Jordan, and had Jordanian and Yemeni

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## Begin: J'lem is Palestine's capital

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 14 (R)—Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin agreed today with Muslim declarations that Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine—but Palestine, he added, is Israel. Islamic foreign ministers, meeting in Morocco last week, passed a resolution contesting Israel's claim to the holy city and declaring that Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine. Addressing visiting members of B'nai Brith, a Jewish fraternal organization from the United States, Canada and Latin America, Mr. Begin said today: "I agree that it is the capital of Palestine. But the word Palestine is the foreign term for Eretz Yisrael—the Land of Israel just as Japan is the English for what the Japanese call Nippon and Germany is the English for what the Germans call Deutschland. And just as Washington, the capital of the U.S., is indistinguishable, so is Jerusalem. And like Washington it should have D.C. after its name—but not District of Columbia but David's City," he said.

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.

## Lebanon kills two Israelis, injures 32 in Tiberias

May 14 (Agencies)—Two were killed today when a bomb exploded in a crowded street in Tiberias, a popu-

le Liberation claimed responsibility, which the number of commando

a bomb exploded 3 p.m. on the busy marketplace. Many of the hit by flying glass on the sidewalk, radio reported.

said all the evacuated to hospitals, and crews drill held in the speedy

lar resort town on the Sea of Galilee. Authorities said 32 persons were wounded, eight of them in moderate to serious condition.

Police released no details of the investigation into the blast, but the radio reported that doctors in the area were rushed to the Tiberias hospital to treat the wounded.

The resort town, which draws Israeli and foreign tourists to its seaside attractions and mineral hot springs, was crowded on the eve of Lag B'Omer, a Jewish holiday marked by bonfires and festivities throughout the country.

About 3,000 Jewish and Arab elementary school students from northern Israel attending a convention near the blast site were sent home.

"The charge exploded on time Monday afternoon killing and wounding around 40 Zionists," the spokesman said adding that an Israeli bus and three cars were "completely destroyed in the explosion."

The spokesman said the group that planted the bomb returned safely to base.

More than 80 Palestinians and Lebanese have been killed in air, naval and artillery attacks mounted by Israel since four Israelis were killed in the commando raid on the summer resort town of Nahariya.

The Palestinians have vowed to step up attacks on Israel to demonstrate their rejection of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty and its plan for Palestinian autonomy in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israeli-Egyptian talks on autonomy begin in two weeks. Palestinians in the West Bank, where opposition to the autonomy plan is strong, have called a general strike for Tuesday to protest the plan and Israeli land expropriation in the area.

Leah Tsemel, said yesterday that Michael and Carl, not to appeal their expulsion to Israel's Supreme Court because they had flown to New York Monday morning.

Identical twins are students at Birzeit University, Mr. Wayne is head librarian. They were arrested last

Israeli authorities said they took part in a stone-throwing by Arab youths on May 2 at Birzeit, 24 of occupied Jerusalem. The West Bank university, a hotbed of Palestinian nationalism, was the 2nd incident. The Derricks denied the charges, but acknowledged he took part in a vigil outside Israel's tent headquarters the following day and became involved with Israeli soldiers.

Dericks filed a complaint with the U.S. consulate in Ramallah, charging that four soldiers beat and kicked him, trapping with a soldier who pointed a rifle at him. Tsemel said she believed the expulsion was ordered by the court, while their father speculated that both were expelled because authorities were not sure if the twins was involved.

Dericks was ordered, the Derricks appealed to the court but were turned down. Tsemel said the Derricks went to the Supreme Court because they felt they had access and would have to remain in jail during the appeal.

In development, an Israeli military court has sentenced an Arab to life imprisonment for planting a time bomb which killed two people and wounded 45, the army announced today.

ashar had already been sentenced to 25 years in jail for another explosive device in a bus. That charge

## India, floods cause deaths in India

May 14 (R)—The cyclone and the southeast weekend rose to the final count.

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## NATO defence ministers study SALT II effects on Europe

BRUSSELS, May 14 (R)—Defence ministers from European NATO countries today studied the issues raised for Europe by the American-Soviet agreement on strategic arms limitation (SALT II), western alliance sources said.

Francis Pym, Britain's newly appointed Defence Secretary, made his NATO debut by stressing at a Eurogroup meeting the importance of the Conservative government attached to cooperation in the European context, the sources said.

The Eurogroup ministers— all the NATO-European nations except France and Iceland—were also discussing the need to modernize their nuclear arsenal to counter the increased Soviet capacity in arms capable of hitting any target in Europe.

The problem is to determine whether there is general recognition in Western Europe of a need to modernize, and if so how this can best be done, the sources said.

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher exchanged ideas and suggestions on this topic last week.

West Germany and Britain will play a leading part in the debate and bilateral discussions between Mr. Pym and West German Defence Minister Hans Apel are expected in the next few weeks, the sources said.

Mr. Pym will have separate talks with U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown, who is taking

part in NATO's defence planning committee meeting tomorrow and Wednesday.

European defence ministers today also reviewed cooperation in logistics, arms equipment, long term planning and battlefield communications.

Britain, Italy, Norway and West Germany are interested in a co-production, work-sharing arrangement with the U.S. for the short-range air-to-air "sidewinder" missile, the sources said.

They also discussed projects for cooperation in repairing battle-damaged aircraft during a war.

Ministers also raised the question of fees levied by Britain for the training of foreign military personnel.

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The Eurogroup ministers were also discussing the problem of military assistance to Portugal and Turkey during their restricted session.

Tomorrow's full meeting of NATO defence ministers will begin with an intelligence briefing on the build-up of Communist Warsaw Pact forces and weapons.

## Assad pledges continued

### support to help Lebanon

DAMASCUS, May 14 (Agencies)—The presidents of Lebanon and Syria today discussed plans for halting the chronic violence in Lebanon as fresh fighting erupted between rival gunmen in Beirut.

Palestinian commandos and right-wing militiamen fought among themselves in separate incidents as Lebanese President Elias Sarkis arrived in Damascus to meet Syrian leader Hafez Al Assad.

Palestinian sources said two men were killed in a clash between Fatah, the biggest commando group, and the Marxist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) in the west side of Beirut.

A right-wing military spokesman said at least seven people were wounded in fighting between Falangist and National Liberal Party (NLP) militiamen in a Christian suburb of the city.

Residents of a mountain village east of Beirut reported that other NLP units were involved in a clash with members of the radical right-wing Guardians of the Cedars.

The violence erupted as the mainly Christian east side of Beirut observed a general strike in protest against the attempted assassination yesterday of Falangist leader Amin Gemayel, son of the party chief, Mr. Pierre Gemayel.

Tension remained high in the south of the country, where the commander of Israeli-backed militias threatened to attack local villagers unless they join his self-proclaimed state of "Free Lebanon."

Mr. Sarkis and Mr. Assad last met in October, at the height of a savage battle between troops of the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) and right-wing militiamen in Christian districts of Beirut.

The two leaders' agenda has not been disclosed officially, but usually well-informed Lebanese newspapers have said it would include a plan for partially replacing a big Syrian security force in Lebanon with units of the Lebanese army.

President Assad tonight pledged continuing support to help Lebanon overcome its problems.

"The objective set by Syria for itself since the start of the civil war in Lebanon will remain firm," he told reporters.

"It may be summed up in helping to stop the civil war, safeguard the Lebanese state and assisting the legal authorities..."

Mr. Assad called on the Lebanese to rally round the government and said the Damascus talks stemmed from the joint realization that the interests of Syria and Lebanon were linked.

Rightist gunners in the central sector of South Lebanon shelled an area near Tyre for 15 minutes this evening, official sources said.

They added that there were no reports of casualties in the area, which lies between Bayyada and Rashidiyah refugee camp.

Israeli planes were also seen flying low over the central sector.

The Palestine News Agency (WAFA) reported sporadic Israeli and rightist shelling of the Ayyashiyeh district, north-east of Nabatiyah. It did not refer to casualties or damage.

WAFA also reported Israeli warplane flights over the area and Israeli naval boats cruising off Rashidiyah, Tyre and nearby Ras Al Ain.

## Thatcher to outline legislative time-table

LONDON, May 14 (R)—Eleven days after taking power, Britain's first woman prime minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, will tomorrow set out her parliamentary programme.

Her legislative time-table, contained in the traditional Queen's speech at the state opening of parliament, will reveal how quickly she proposes to tackle the inflammatory issue of trade union reform.

It will also name the date—expected to be June 12—for the annual budget statement when the Conservative government will unveil the fiscal and economic measures at the heart of its policies and right-wing philosophy.

The speech, to be read by Queen Elizabeth from her throne in the House of Lords, will outline the laws Mrs. Thatcher hopes to enact between now and November 1980.

Mrs. Thatcher, the victor in this month's general election, has been quick to keep some of her campaign pledges. The police and armed forces have received big pay rises and a top businessman has been appointed to investigate excessive bureaucratic expenditure.

Britons will have to wait until the budget for more details of Mrs. Thatcher's main campaign pledge to cut income taxes and government expenditure.

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## Wide ranging sanctions against Egypt

### Arab arms-making industry dissolved

RIYADH, May 14 (Agencies) — An Arab arms-making consortium involving western firms is to be dis-

solved because of Egypt's peace treaty with Israel, the official Saudi Press Agency reported today.

Prince Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia, who announced the move, linked it to the signing of the peace treaty, the agency said.

Prince Sultan, the chairman of the AOI's higher executive committee, expressed deep regret for taking the step, the agency added.

A committee would undertake the liquidation of the AOI's assets, Prince Sultan said. The consortium would be legally dissolved on July 1.

The committee, which would include Saudi, Egyptian, Qatari and UAE representatives, would begin work immediately at the AOI's headquarters in Paris, Prince Sultan said.

The statement did not specifically mention the peace treaty, but said "Egypt's unilateral step in granting Israel legal and political recognition was, in the view of the leaders of the three participant countries (Saudi Arabia, Qatar and UAE), in conflict with the reasons and objectives of setting up the Arab Organisation for Industrialisation."

The organisation had earlier announced the suspension of all its projects, but press reports said that work was still going on to produce anti-tank missiles and Lynx helicopters.

Egypt contributed a quarter of AOI's capital in the form of existing factories in Egypt.

The AOI factories employed 15,000 workers and in its first year of operations in 1977 the company made a profit of \$44 million for an undisclosed volume of sales.

Buyers of its military equipment included such countries as Iraq, Iran, Pakistan and Somalia.

There was no immediate indication whether AOI would be able to continue in operation after the withdrawal of three out of the four members of the consortium.

Another reprisal act, the Arab Aviation Council has decided to close Arab airspace to Egypt, Egypt's national airline.

In a decision taken two days ago at a special meeting, the council also decided to suspend Arab airline flights to Egypt, a communiqué said.

The council decided to transfer its permanent headquarters from Cairo to Morocco, the com-

munity added.

It said that any other Egyptian aircraft company "which is proved to have links with Israel" would also be boycotted.

Egypt and Israel have agreed to discuss opening direct air links. Since an Egyptian aircraft brought President Anwar Sadat to Israel on his 1977 visit to Israel, airlines of the two states have flown to each other's airports several times carrying dignitaries on missions connected to the peace process.

In another development, the Arab Postal Union (APU) has decided to seek the Arab League's opinion about cutting postal links with Egypt in protest against Egypt's peace treaty with Israel, according to a statement to Doha last night.

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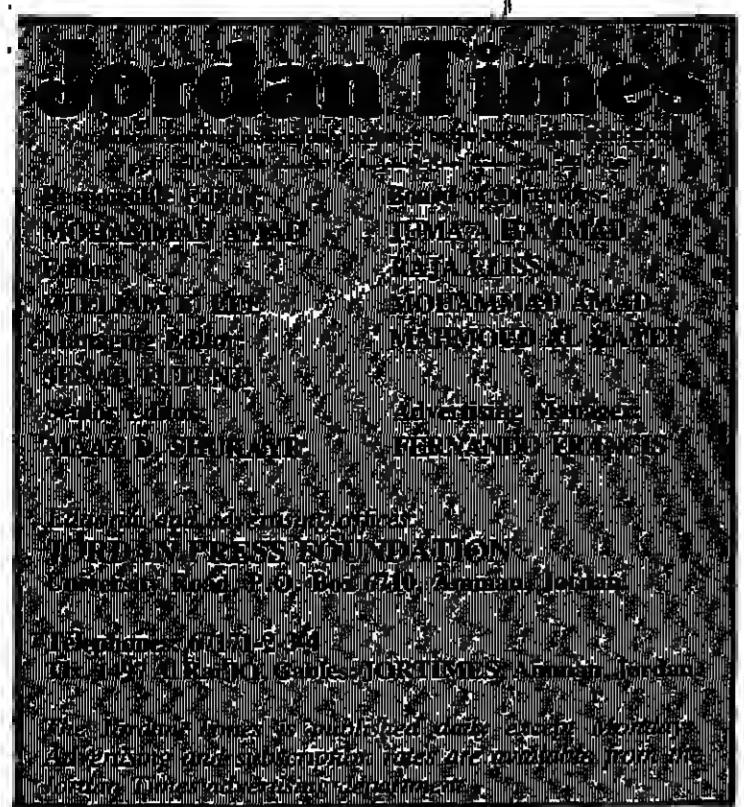
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## Jordan loans \$1.3 m. to Jerusalem Electricity Co.

BETHLEHEM, May 14 (AFP) — Mayor of Bethlehem and acting board chairman of the Jerusalem Electricity Company Mr. Elias Freij today announced that the Jordanian government has offered the company a \$1.3 million loan to help it repay its debts.

Returning from Amman, where he spent 11 days, Mr. Freij stated that the company's debts total \$2 million. The company's board is scheduled to hold a meeting today to discuss its financial position, Mr. Freij said.

## Iraqi trade delegation inspects Aqaba port

AQABA, May 14 (JNA) — A visiting Iraqi trade delegation met here yesterday with the Director General of the Maritime Corporation, Mr. Ahmad Abu Nuwar to discuss matters connected with Iraq's import of goods via the Aqaba port. The delegation, which arrived here yesterday, was also taken on a tour of the port area to inspect facilities there.

The delegation will go to Amman tomorrow for talks with officials at the Ministry of Supply on the possibility of granting Iraq storage facilities for its imported grain at silos being built in Aqaba. The silo complex, expected to be completed by the end of this year will have a capacity of 50,000 tons.

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His Majesty King Hussein addresses a seminar of Islamic preachers at the Professional Association complex Monday.

## King stresses importance of Islamic solidarity

AMMAN, May 14 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein said here today that Islamic solidarity was one of the main sources of strength on which the Arabs are counting to restore their usurped rights.

Inaugurating the seminar of Islamic preachers and spiritual guides at the Professional Association Complex, the King said: "Our unified stand as one loving and tight-knit family, and adherence to our Islamic faith and our Arab Islamic heritage are foremost among the elements of strength which we are trying to forge in order to restore our usurped territories."

He added that Arabism and Islam are faced with several challenges. Zionism is one of these, the King said, but he added that materialistic philosophies are a threat to "our aspirations and our rights to build our future on the sound foundations we inherited."

The King also said that Jordan is discharging its duties in the light of its belief in the Arab nation and Islam. Jordan will always remain strong, and will never accept to be a weak link in the Arab nation.

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The council endorsed a 1979 draft bill defining the role and activities of commercial middlemen and commercial agents. It also approved a military housing fund for 1979.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran said at today's session that the military housing fund aims at encouraging army personnel to build their own homes in rural areas and villages which helps check migration from rural to urban areas. The session was also attended by cabinet members.

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AMMAN, May 14 (JNA) — The cabinet yesterday granted an additional 50 per cent hardship allowance to employees involved in drilling artesian wells at Wadi Araba in the south of Jordan, in view of the nature of their work.

The decision came during a cabinet session yesterday during which Prime Minister Mudar Bad

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## Recent studies show:

## Increased waste imperils Amman's water

This is the first article in a series on protecting water resources in Jordan, such as rainfall, drought, and what are available to meet demand for water or are subject of this article.

Ian Martiny  
the Jordan Times

Concentrations of trace metals in domestic water supply are within the limits set by the World Health Organisation (WHO). Rapid increase in the human and industrial sectors with a lack of sufficient facilities could pollute Amman's water supply.

Studies carried out by Resources Authority of Jordan found the mineral content of roundwater has considerably and is still rising. Alarming is the presence of nitrates in the water.

Concern over the presence of nitrates is that they are difficult to remove from water supplies, including springs and wells in urban and rural communities.

Out of 80 water sources examined, 18 had nitrate levels above the permissible limit while 39 sources were approaching it.

Nitrates taken into the blood will combine with the haemoglobin to form methemoglobin which, being more stable than haemoglobin, reduces the blood's ability to carry oxygen. The illness can be spotted easily as the child's skin, especially the face, hands and feet, turn blue as a result of insufficient oxygen in the blood.

Unfortunately there is insufficient data on childhood illnesses in Jordan to make an evaluation of the frequency of the occurrence of cyanosis.

There is one precaution which can be taken. The illness mostly affects bottle-fed children as the nitrate content of breast milk is generally lower than that of powdered milk diluted with tap water. By using commercially bottled water instead of tap water in making the baby's milk, the problem can be avoided.

As the child grows older it develops a tolerance to higher levels of nitrates and can drink the water without adverse effects.

Boiling or filtering the water will not reduce the nitrate level as these processes do not cause the nitrates in the water to precipitate.

The WHO limit for nitrates in drinking water is 50 milligrams per litre (mg/l.). A national survey in Jordan was conducted during 1976 by Dr. Raja Gedeon, a chemical engineer at the Natural Resources Authority, to examine the nitrate levels in most drinking water supplies, including springs and wells in urban and rural communities.

At the moment, Dr. Gedeon estimates, "on the average, approximately 35 per cent of the total water consumed from the

Three sources showed nitrate levels exceeding 110 mg/l. at Ain Jadrun Spring in Salt, at Ras Al Ain in Amman and at Ramtha.

Samples taken from Amman's three municipal water supplies at Ras Al Ain, Ain Ghazal and Wadi Seer showed respectively 84.78 and 47 mg/l.

The presence of nitrate in the water supply is an indication of organic pollution. Nitrates are one of the principle end products of the natural decomposition cycle of human and animal waste.

In rural areas, septic tanks, cesspools, sink-holes and anhydrous ammonia used in agriculture are probably the main contributors. The high nitrate levels at Salt (exceeding 110 mg/l.) seem to result from the infiltration of waste water into the main spring and wells.

Cesspools and cesspits are the main source of groundwater pollution in Amman. In 1977, there were only about 120,000 people with their residences connected to the sewage system in Amman. The remainder of the population (over 500,000 people) used septic tanks or cesspits. A large portion of this untreated waste water discharges either directly or indirectly into the groundwater supply.

With the new extension of sewage treatment facilities in Amman, it is expected that by 1981 there will be about 450,000 people with their residences connected to the system. Yet this will still only represent about half of the estimated population in 1981.

"At the moment," Dr. Gedeon estimates, "on the average, approximately 35 per cent of the total water consumed from the

aquifer system is replenished by cesspool waste." In 1961 this figure was 50 per cent. The reduction is attributed to the introduction of the sewage system to parts of Amman.

Ground filtration is one of the best means of purifying water, but in Jordan, because of the rocky ground, there is no telling how well the untreated waste is getting filtered. Cracks and holes can allow the waste to flow directly into the aquifer. More studies will be needed to determine exactly how effective the soil filtration really is.

Not all minerals in the water are bad. Calcium and magnesium, both found in large amounts in Jordan's water, are good for the heart. Soft water -- low in calcium and magnesium -- has been shown to cause cardiac disorders. So Jordan is fortunate in that respect.

Two other pollutants which could pose threats to Amman's water unless action is taken soon to control their disposal are the toxic elements cadmium and lead. Although the concentrations of these in the water supply are still below the WHO limits, they are increasing in quantity.

The WHO limit for cadmium is 10 mg/l.; there is an average of about 6 mg/l. in Amman's water supplies. The limit for lead is 100 mg/l.; the average in Amman is about 33.7 mg/l.

The difference between nitrates and these metals is that cadmium is not found naturally. It only comes from industrial waste. Lead, too, is an industrial waste.

Again, the danger of high concentrations of these elements in the water supply is that it is extremely difficult to remove them.

There is yet another form of water pollution which should be taken into consideration: bacterial pollution.

The standard method used for bacteriological examination of water in Jordan is the multiple-fermentation tube test for coliform bacteria and for Escherichia coli, as recommended by the WHO. Certain coliform bacteria are normally shed in great numbers in the faeces of warm-blooded animals. Bacteriological examination of drinking water is therefore based on determining the presence of coliform bacteria as indicators of faecal contamination.

A drinking water sample is considered safe when the count of coliform bacteria present in 100 ml. of water is zero.

Sanitary surveys are usually conducted on most of the existing urban and rural water supplies in Jordan, under the supervision of the Ministry of Health and other authorities.

Tests on the groundwater table in the Amman-Zarqa area indicate that 43.5 per cent of the wells tested are polluted by the coliform group. In 1976 the Ministry of Health examined 1,300 chlorine-

nated and nonchlorinated samples from water sources throughout the country. Seventy-two per cent of the samples from rural sources had coliform counts at levels considered unsafe.

Of the Amman municipal water sources 2.3 per cent were unsafe; of private sources in Amman 2 per cent were unsafe while 19.3 per cent of municipal sources other than Amman were unsafe.

The better quality noticed in the Amman area is most likely the result of chlorination, which disinfects the water.

During the period from 1972 to 1976, the quality of the drinking water in all regions of Jordan improved with regard to bacteriological pollution. However, in most municipalities, more than ten per cent of the samples of potable water showed evidence of bacteriological contamination.

A precaution against bacteria-polluted water, which people can take in their homes, is to purify it through boiling. The Amman Municipality is considering the possibilities of using ozone or ultraviolet treatment to destroy bacterial pollution. But chlorination is the only treatment in use at the moment because it is the cheapest and most widely used.

The greatest danger from polluted water is that it is the major medium for the transmission of intestinal and diarrhoeal diseases, such as cholera and typhoid.

One study by Dr. Asem Shehab, microbiologist at the University of Jordan, showed that an outbreak of acute diarrhoeal disease and typhoid fever which occurred in Salt in 1976, and which affected an estimated 3,000 people, resulted from the consumption of contaminated water. The improper disposal of human wastes in Salt was suspected to be the cause of the contamination.

Another investigation indicated that septo tanks which carried faecal materials were the cause of the many cholera cases in the capital in 1976.

According to Dr. Shehab, intestinal infection could be considered the most common infectious disease in Jordan. It is especially wide spread among children.

The problem of water pollution in Amman has been a major concern to everyone dealing with water, especially the government. There are at least six agencies and consultants studying the situation.

Solutions, however, are not easy to find.

The biggest handicap for the Amman Municipality has been the unprecedented growth of the city and the fact that about 65 per cent of the entire country's population and industry is concentrated in the greater Amman region.

The urgency of the pollution problem is emphasised by the fact that Amman's water resources are becoming more limited.

Tomorrow: Pollution and the King Talal Dam.

## 21 Near East countries discuss land, water use

By Lee S. Tesdell  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 14 -- The Sixth Session of the Regional Commission on Land and Water Use in the Near East met for the second day at the University of Jordan today.

The conference, which is being attended by representatives from 21 countries, began on May 12, under the sponsorship of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).

Recommendations from the FAO Rainfed Agriculture seminar held here last week will be put before the participants.

On Saturday the conference heard opening addresses and elected its officers. Yesterday the participants heard papers ranging from land drainage in Egypt and soil and water management in Cyprus to FAO programmes in water resources and fertiliser use. On Monday the participants will visit the Jordan Valley irrigation projects.

On Tuesday the conference plans to adopt current recommendations and set a date for the next meeting.

The Commission for Land and Water Use was established in 1967 with a mandate to "organise technical consultation in the field of developing land and water resources of the region and their use as well as to promote exchange of information between members of the Commission."

Former Minister of Agriculture in Jordan,

Jr. Salah Jum'a, was appointed FAO Assistant Director General and regional representative for the Near East in August 1978.

A prepared statement released by Mr. Jum'a said that there are no major FAO projects in Jordan but there are several short-term projects. There is a \$40,000 project for the development of rainfed agriculture in the Irbid region and a \$33,000 agricultural extension project utilising a mobile film unit for the dissemination of agricultural information to farmers in Jordan. Both projects are funded by Jordan and administered by the Technical Cooperative Programme of the FAO.

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into account not only the technical aspects but the way in which people will interact with the scheme. A number of projects have failed around the world due to this oversight.

As to coordinating programmes among the various development agencies which operate in the Third World, Mr. Gayeb said that, "we have periodical meetings among agencies." "It is very easy to coordinate," he continued.

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## TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be partly cloudy with temperatures below normal. Winds will be northwesterly moderate to fresh. In Aqaba it will be hazy at times with northerly moderate to fresh winds and calm seas.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	13	24
Aqaba	20	32
Deserts	17	29
Jordan Valley	19	31

## AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

NAME OF COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	5,673	6,680	6,690	6,690
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	9,311	—	—	15,000
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	918	10,010	10,200	10,020
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	4,603	1,390	1,400	1,390
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1,000	297	0,800	0,860	0,850
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1,000	1,930	0,860	0,890	0,880
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5,000	436	—	9,700	9,700
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	572	11,350	11,700	11,450
Jordan Bank	JD 5,000	1,787	—	—	7,550
Industrial Development Bank	JD 1,000	96	1,250	—	1,250
Arab Bank	JD 10,000	14,925	88,000	9,000	90,000
Cairo-Amman Bank	JD 5,000	3,400	—	9,700	6,800
Jordan Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	320	—	0,640	0,640

Total volume traded, Monday, May 14: JD 44,368

Total number of shares traded: 9,820

Par Value	Volume Traded	Number Traded	Year of Maturity	Selling Price
JD 5,000	3,509	700	1980	5,020
JD 5,000	156	30	1982	5,220
JD 10,000	408	40	1987	10,200

Total volume traded: JD 4,073

Total number of bonds traded: 770

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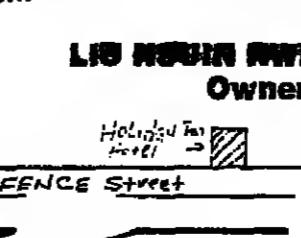
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**Scheckter wins Belgian Grand Prix**

ZOLDER, Belgium, May 14 (R)—South African Jody Scheckter recorded his first Formula One victory of the season in the Belgian Grand Prix motor race here yesterday. The hard-fought race had four leaders -- Ligier team mates Patrick Depailler and Jacques Laffite of France, Australian Alan Jones, then Ferrari team leader Scheckter over the closing laps. The South African now shares the lead in the Drivers' Championship with Laffite on 24 points and the Ferrari-Ligier team battle stands all square at three wins apiece after six rounds. Laffite, the winner of both South American races, had a bad start but for a time battled for supremacy with early pacesetter Depailler, the victor in Spain two weeks ago.

Scheckter said his car performed well and his only problem involved the brakes towards the finish. Depailler led for the first 24 laps but Jones, driving a Williams, shot past him only to retire when an electrical failure put his fuel pump out of action on lap 40. Depailler again found himself in front but spectacularly crashed off the track six laps later. Laffite, who started in pole position, was next to set the pace, but on the 54th lap Scheckter moved ahead and soon the Ligier driver had no chance of catching him. Scheckter finished over 15 seconds ahead of second placed Laffite. Gilles Villeneuve of Canada, the winner of the South African and Long Beach races, looked like finishing third in his Ferrari but had mechanical problems just before the finish and was classed seventh. Didier Pironi of France in a Tyrrell had fought long and hard with Villeneuve and took third place.

**World Women's Basketball Championship**

SEOUL, May 14 (AP)—Carol Blazejowski and Nancy Lieberman combined for 38 points as the United States won its first World Women's Basketball Championship since 1957 by defeating unbeaten Canada 77-61 yesterday in the final game. The American girls entered the final day with a 4-1 win-loss record while the Canadians had won all five of their previous games and needed only to hold the Americans' winning margin down to 12 points to clinch the championship. The U.S. team had lost to host South Korea by 12 points in the opening game of the seven-team final round, and Canada had defeated the Koreans by 13 points. Kris Kirchner and Canada's Silvia Sweeney, who was voted the tournament's most valuable player, fought for rebounds, while Blazejowski helped pile up the lead with sharp shooting. With only 20 seconds left to play, the ball was passed to Sweeney. The score was

75-61, and she could have cut the margin to 12 points, giving the championship to her Canadian team. The usually sharp-shooting collegian missed the basket, and the American team grabbed the rebound. The Americans had 37 rebounds against Canada's 24, and 12 interceptions against four for Canada. Canada also made 18 errors against America's seven.

**Austin wins Italian tennis tourney**

ROME, May 14 (R)—American teenager Tracy Austin beat unseeded Sylvia Hanika of West Germany 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 to win the Italian Women's Tennis Championship yesterday in a scrappy final littered with errors. Austin, 16, the third seed and ranked fourth in the world, showed marginally more consistency to capture the first leg of the European women's circuit. Her West German opponent, a powerful 19-year-old, rarely displayed the form that took her past Australia's Evonne Goolagong in the semi-final. Austin, who Saturday ended compatriot Chris Evert's six-year unbeaten run on clay, survived a 6-1 rout in the second set when she failed to hold any of her four services. She found length and accuracy in the final set breaking Hanika's service to win 6-3.

**Yugoslavs scale Everest by new route**

KATMANDU, May 14 (R)—Two Yugoslavs yesterday became the first men to reach the top of Mount Everest by using the west ridge all the way. Jernej Zapotnik and Andrej Stremfaj reached the world's highest point after taking more than eight hours to climb the last 148 metres from Camp Six, the Nepalese Tourism Ministry announced. Zapotnik and Stremfaj were the third team

from the expedition to attempt the 8,848 metre summit. Two earlier assaults failed. A fourth party will try today. Zapotnik is now one of five men to have climbed at least three 8,000 metre peaks. The others are Reinhold Messner of Italy, Austrian Kurt Diemberger and Robert Schaefer and Frenchman Yannick Seigneur. Another European mountaineering team in Nepal reported success yesterday. An Austrian expedition to mount Thotse, the world's fourth highest peak, put two men on the summit, the ministry said. Bruno Kausbruckner and Iwan Exnar reached the top of the 8,501 metre mountain four days ago.

**English Sunday Cricket League**

LONDON May 14 (R)—West Indian test opener Gordon Greenidge hit a sparkling 75 off 97 balls to lift title-holders Hampshire to a seven-wicket victory over Essex with 11 balls to spare in the English Sunday Cricket League at Southampton yesterday. After Essex made 172 for six off their 40 overs, Hampshire rattled up 173 for three with Greenidge and David Turner (60) putting on 135 for the second wicket. Sussex won even more emphatically, beating Glamorgan by nine wickets at Swansea. Pakistani Javed Miandad scored 77 off 85 balls as Sussex reached 141 for one off 33.3 overs in reply to Glamorgan's all out total of 139. The closest finish was at Taunton where Somerset pipped Warwickshire by four runs. Viv Richards, Somerset's West Indian star, had a six and eight fours in a splendid innings of 80 which propelled his side to 184 for eight. Former England test opener Dennis Amiss made a good 55 but Warwickshire were all out for 180 off the third ball of the final over.

**S. African sets record with snakes**

JOHANNESBURG, May 14 (R)—South African Peter Snyman set a death-defying record yesterday by staying more than 36 days alone in a cage with two dozen deadly snakes. Surrounded by

mambas, cobras and puff adders, he told reporters by telephone he had not yet decided how many days he would add to the old record set four years ago by a fellow countryman, Trevor Kruger. "I am going to play it by ear and it will all depend on how the snakes and I get on together," the bearded 25-year-old Mr. Snyman said from his glass-and-brick cage in a game park north-west of Johannesburg. My initial goal was 40 days, but if the snakes behave themselves I might make it 50 days. But it is comforting feeling now that I have broken the record to know I could leave right away if I wanted to," he said. Mr. Snyman, a cabinetmaker, had a narrow escape on his way to breaking the record when one of the mambas was snatched by two children running past the cage. The snake struck at his pillow, close to where he was sitting, leaving two blobs of venom. Several of the snakes have been less lucky. "Some of them have been eaten by the other snakes and have had to be replaced," said the park's owner, Mr. Jack Seal. "The puff adders have been changed eight times." Under the rules of the record attempt, Mr. Snyman is bound to share the three-metre by 2.4 metre cage with at least 24 snakes, of whom six must be mambas. He is allowed to spend no more than 30 minutes out of the cage each day, and eats insects inside — sometimes very slowly if the snakes are active. One meal took him two and a half hours.

**Cardini Amateur Boxing Tournament**

HAVANA, May 14 (R)—Teofilo Stevenson, Cuba's world and Olympic champion, outpointed his compatriot and arch rival Angel Milian in the heavyweight final at the Cardini International Amateur Boxing Tournament here over the weekend. It was a crucial victory for Stevenson, whose supremacy has been threatened by the rapidly improving Milian. Stevenson's great skill and experience carried him to a 4-1 majority verdict after a furious battle in which he was repeatedly forced onto the ropes. Milian, Stevenson, Olympic champion in 1972 and 1976, hopes to defend his title in Moscow next year.

**Student claims chess marathon record**

LUCERNE, Switzerland, May 14 (R)—Swiss mathematics student Werner Hug, 27, yesterday claimed a world record for non-stop simultaneous chess. He won 385 games, drew 126 and lost 21 in matches against 560 players in 25 hours this weekend at a shopping centre near this central Swiss city. This beat the previous world record of 550 games set by Czechoslovak Vlastimil Hort in Reykjavik in 1977. The organisers said: Hug, a former world junior chess champion, walked over 30 kilometres and averaged about five seconds for each move during the contest, which was watched by about 18,000 spectators.

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Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Contact influential persons and gain their backing for a promising project. Credit but don't assume more than you can on. Be clever.

May 20 to May 20) Any new ideas should be on early since later there can be many interruptions. New contacts early. Take time later for important.

(May 21 to June 21) Handle important responsibilities then study new outlets, but don't commit anything as yet. Listen to what a loved one has said.

CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Keep promises made early and later avoid irate partners. Benefits come in the morning, but later you careful in all dealings with others.

July 22 to Aug. 21) You get much done during the day, but later everything slows down, irritable. Steer clear of arguments with others.

Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Make social appointments careful not to overspend. Don't let a business end over into another day.

Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Come to right decisions at make sure there are no arguments. Get the in-

on need so that your life is more successful.

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Arrive at right decisions and communicate well with all. Make needed and correct errors. Take time to shop.

ARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Morning is fine for social affairs. Later you can get into new study them well. Find better ways to be happy with him.

DRIN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You can now acquire what mean much to you, but later be cautious in to say. Not a good evening for socializing.

IS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Personal affairs are care of early. Then you can get into routines matters over with a good adviser and follow suggestions given you.

Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Contact an older person you good advice you need. Allow enough time you make for this evening.

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his contract. A high club was the only lead to give declarer a chance—unfortunately, declarer did not capitalize on his slice of luck.

Declarer ruffed the club lead in dummy, crossed to his hand with a diamond ruff and led the queen of clubs. West covered and declarer ruffed in dummy. He ruffed another diamond and discarded a heart on the jack of clubs. After cashing the king of hearts, declarer led the ace and was about to claim on a crossruff when he received a rude shock—West ruffed and returned a trump, and now declarer could come to no more than eleven tricks. Try it.

Declarer took the correct line if he had been in a grand slam. But playing in a small slam he could have ensured his contract with a simple safety play that is not easy to spot even looking at all four hands. After discarding a heart from dummy and cashing the king, declarer should continue with a low heart, controlling a trick in the suit to the opponents.

True, that gives away a trick declarer could make if the hearts were 4-2, but he should be warned by the bidding that hearts might be 5-1. Even if East wins the heart and returns a trump, declarer can ruff his remaining heart and club loser in dummy, then get back to his hand to draw the last trump and score the king of hearts as the twelfth trick.

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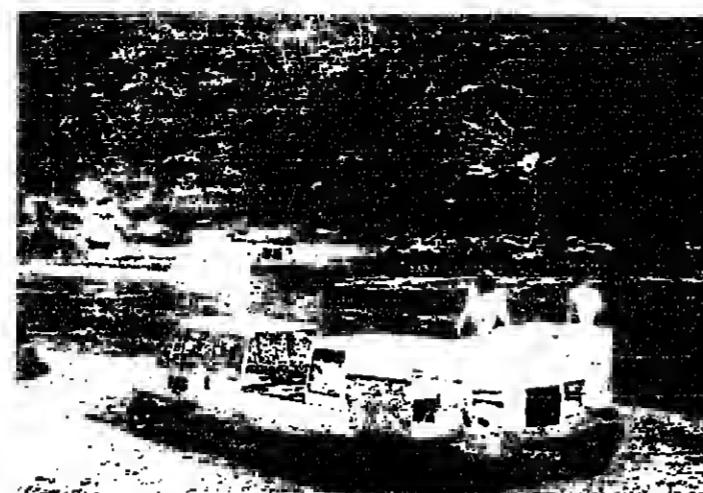
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## JUMBLE

THAT SCRABBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Uncramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VAINE

RODOP

TOGIER

CRESPO

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

IT COULD BE A  
POSTER-POA  
SHIPPING CENTER.

Print answer here: " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MAUVE SANDY BYWORD LEGACY

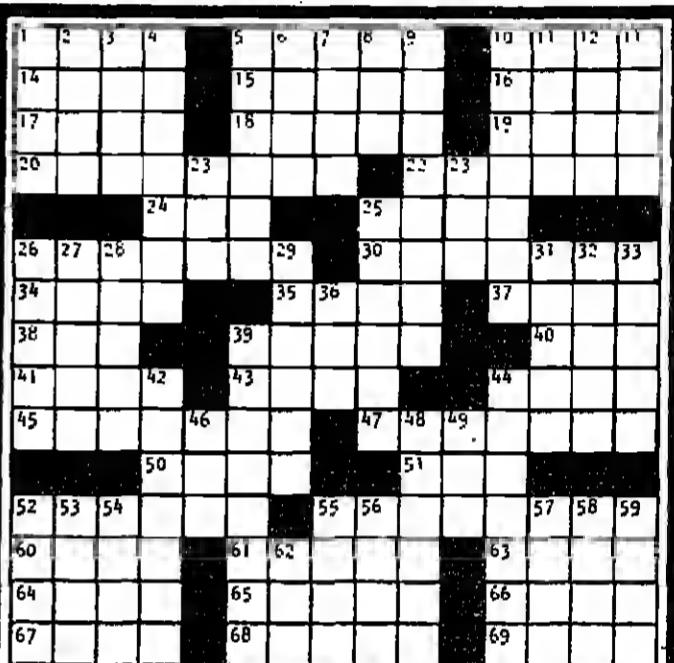
Answer: Contributes to a "dangerous mood"—"ANGER"

## THE Daily Crossword

by Melvin Kenworthy

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1 God of love	55 Actor Sidney	21 "Mighty e Rose"	23 Compass	
5 Massenet opera	35 French play part	West	25 Water mammals	
10 Murray end	37 Chatters	26 Middle East money	27 "Joy"	
14 Musical Porter	38 Carson City state: abbr.	28 Presley	29 Water nymphs	
15 Artery	39 Donated	30 Portals	31 Work Czarist edict	
16 Golliwogg	40 Carew's cudgel	32 Vouz	33 Kefauver	
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24 Cereal grass	50 Greek letters	43 Laddie's partner	48 Humbles	
25 Possesses	51 Storage box	44 Comedian Johnson	49 Twitching	
26 Soft material	52 Land measure	45 Close	50 Local	
	53 Naomi's sorrow	46 Wash	51 Comedian Lahr	
	54 Possessive	52 Wash	52 Goddess: Lat.	
	55 Storage box	53 Addict	53 Ripe	
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## Peanuts



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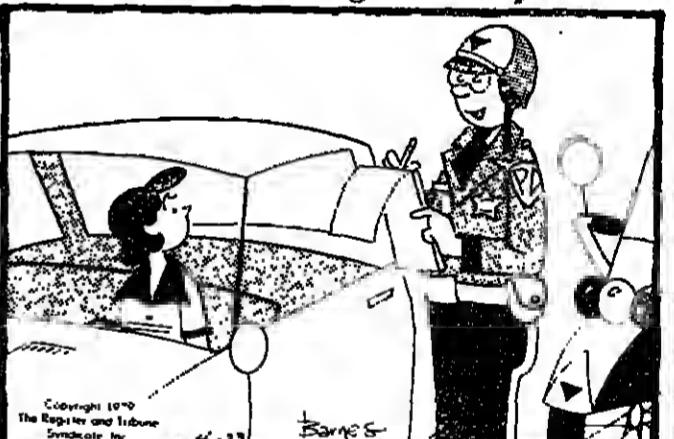
## Mutt 'n' Jeff



## Flintstones



## THE BETTER HALF



"I was telling my wife about you and she accused me of making up all those stories."

## JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

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5:30 Quran  
5:45 Cartoons  
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6:00 Cultural programme for children  
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6:45 News in Arabic  
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8:00 News in Arabic  
8:15 News in Arabic  
10:15 Broadcasts at the White House  
11:30 News in Arabic

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7:00 News in French  
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04:30 News Roundup: reports, listeners' questions  
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13:30 New York  
13:30 Copenhagen, Copenhagen  
13:30 Athens, Piraeus (SOI)  
14:30 Ankara, Ankara  
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Abdul Razzaq Tabyasat (3779)  
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## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Ambulance (government)...  
Civil defence...  
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)...  
Jordan Red Crescent Society (emergency)...  
Police Headquarters...  
Najeh roving patrol police (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency...  
Airport information (ALA)...  
Yarmouk Hospital...  
Radio, English Section...  
First aid, fire, police...  
Fire headquarters...

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al Hama Theatre...  
Al Sharq Art Gallery...<br

# FAO warns of serious food shortages without new grains agreement

MANILA, May 14 (R)—The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) today warned that the world could face serious food shortages similar to those five years ago when millions starved to death unless a new grains pact was reached soon.

The warning came from FAO Director General Eduard Saouma, who called for support for a five-point action programme to reopen and settle grain agreements negotiations which stalled earlier this year.

Mr. Saouma told delegates to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) that the gap between farm production and requirements was widening, especially in Africa, and the shortfall had to be offset by higher food imports.

Calling for more help to increase agricultural production in the developing world and to provide more markets for their produce, he noted that non-oil developing countries spent \$10 billion in 1976 alone on commercial food imports, or one third of their current account deficit.

This was the equivalent of more than 80 per cent of the official development aid they received that year.

Equally worrying, the targets for world food security—buffer stocks to meet the dangers of crop failure—were not being met, he said.

"It was expected that the objective of food reserves could best be achieved through a new international grains arrangement. Early this year, the U.N. grains negotiating conference failed to agree and adjourned indefinitely.

"This meant that a new global food shortage would find the international community little better prepared today than when the last crisis broke in 1973-74," Mr. Saouma added.

To reduce the serious immediate dangers, he was now proposing a five-point action plan in which all countries must establish national food reserves and stocks immediately and draw up guidelines for their use.

The plan included provisions to assist developing countries to meet their growing food import and emergency needs.

It also suggested ways threatened countries could strengthen their own food security programmes both through national

Fernandez Font.

The ISO said the agreement reached 18 months ago had met serious difficulties and was not yet able to meet its central purpose of stable, fair prices, though all exporting countries which had joined in were living up to its objectives.

"The current difficulties stem basically from the excess of supply of sugar, both in stocks and production, over demand and the resultant low price, which has been with us since the present agreement was negotiated," the paper said.

Beyond this was the problem caused by the non-participation of the United States, the largest importing member, and more important the non-participation of the EEC, largest exporter to the free market, it said.

The paper praised the United States for enforcing a limitation on its sugar imports as a sign of good faith, but said: "The Community has exhibited no equivalent restraint and increased a high level of exports based on heavy subsidisation."

"We hope that talks will bring about a change in this situation, preferably through early Community accession to the agreement on mutual acceptance terms," the ISO said.

Circulation of the paper followed a rejection last week by an EEC spokesman, Mr. Claude Cheysson, of early Community participation.

## S. Africa orders establishment of 'interim government' for Namibia

WINDHOEK, South-West Africa, May 14 (AP)—South Africa today ordered the establishment of an "Interim government" for the territory of South-West Africa.

The creation of the new government, which comes in defiance of Western plans for United Nations' supervised elections in preparation for the territory's independence, follows stepped up attacks by guerrillas fighting a 12-year war for control of the territory.

However, officials of the existing territorial assembly, who have pushed for an interim government, have previously denied its creation would be a step

towards a Rhodesian-style unilateral declaration of independence.

Justice M.T. Steyn, administrator-general of the South African-administered territory, said the interim government will assume its duties May 21.

Mr. Steyn announced the establishment of the new government in a proclamation in a government gazette published today. The proclamation said the new government will be called the South-West Africa-Namibian National Assembly. The territory is officially called South-West African-Namibia.

The new assembly will include all 50 members of the territorial assembly elected last December,

plus 15 new members selected by current assembly members.

But Mr. Steyn said the body will make laws for the territory, and with a few exceptions, will be able to repeal or amend any law or act of the South African parliament which affects the territory.

The exceptions include any legislation affecting the international status of the territory, or the National Assembly itself.

South Africa has administered this mineral-rich territory, about twice the size of California but with a population of less than one million, under a League of Nations' mandate issued after World War I.

## Economic News Briefs

### China initials trade agreement with U.S.

CANTON, May 14 (R)—United States Commerce Secretary Juanita Kreps said today that China had initialised the U.S.-China trade agreement and that she would initial the agreement on behalf of the U.S. this evening. Mrs. Kreps told newsmen: "Today we take a major step together in resuming the unimpeded exchange of goods and services—and therefore the exchange of ideas, experiences and goodwill." The commerce secretary said the agreement would establish a framework for orderly trade and business and greatly increase business contacts between the two countries. The agreement was initialised by Foreign Trade Minister Li Qiang at a brief ceremony in the foreign Trade Ministry attended by negotiators from both sides and American diplomats. American sources said four copies of the agreement—two in English and two in Chinese—would be flown to Canton for Mrs. Kreps to initial for the U.S. Mr. Li had told the Americans last week that the pact was a complicated one for China to sign because it had to meet the requirements of the 1974 U.S. Trade Act. These include such matters as patents, trademarks and copyrights.

### Japan promises all possible aid to Turkey

TOKYO, May 14 (R)—Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda today pledged as much Japanese aid as possible to Turkey in view of its political and strategic importance, the Foreign Ministry said. The pledge was made to Mr. Leiser Kiep, special envoy of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, who arrived yesterday for a three-day visit to ask for Japanese cooperation in assisting Turkey's economic reconstruction, the ministry reported. No specific sums were mentioned during the talks, the West German Embassy said. Mr. Kiep, minister of finance of the state of Lower Saxony, is also scheduled to meet Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira and Finance Minister Ippi Kaneko. West Germany has serving as coordinator since the leaders of West Germany, the United States, France and Britain decided at their meeting in Guadeloupe last January to extend emergency aid to Turkey. The financial daily Nihon Keizai Shimbun said yesterday the four countries had decided to extend \$500 million in aid of \$90 million would be met by Japan. The ministry said Turkish Foreign Minister Gunduz Okcuk would ask for Japanese aid when he arrives on a visit tomorrow. Turkey has been suffering from inflation and mass unemployment and its external debts amounted to \$12 billion at the end of last year, the ministry said.

### Norway pledges \$22m. to new commodity fund

MANILA, May 14 (R)—Norway today made the biggest pledge so far—\$22 million—to a new fund to help Third World nations develop their commodity industries. During the first week of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development last week, the Third World countries were disappointed that none of the major industrialised powers had pledged specific amounts to the fund, which is to be financed by voluntary contributions. The only countries to make specific pledges were Belgium with \$3 million, Austria \$2 million, Sweden \$6 million and Finland \$1 million. The common commodity fund was agreed in principle by UNCTAD members in Geneva in March. It has two so-called "windows," the first, of \$400 million to set up buffer stocks of commodities to help stabilise prices and protect Third World economies from wide fluctuations, will be

### Senator Baker warns U.S. oil producers

WASHINGTON May 14 (R)—Senate Minority Leader Howard Baker warned the United States' oil producers yesterday that they could be headed for nationalisation if they do not respond responsibly to the current energy shortages. "They are headed for disaster, and I don't think they realise it," Senator Baker, a probable Republican presidential contender, told a television interviewer. Senator Baker said present oil company profits were not justifiable, and that "this country could turn on them (oil producers) and devour them" if they did not end what he called their shortsighted approach to energy production and profits. The United States could produce energy at less cost than it is paying Arab oil producers, he said, and added that the current situation was a clear case in which private management should take account of the public well-being.

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## World News Briefs

### Japan, USSR begin high-level talks

TOKYO, May 14 (R)—Japan and the Soviet Union today open high-level talks in Tokyo in an effort to improve strained relations between the two countries. The two countries agreed in January to hold regular consultations and the first meeting, scheduled for last August, but it was put off after Japan signed a peace treaty with China which Moscow termed anti-Soviet. The relations have however remained cool since 1976 when a Soviet military pilot defected to Japan with his top secret MiG-Foxbat fighter aircraft. The Soviet Union is represented at the meeting here by Vice-Foreign Minister Nikolai Piryabin in Japan by Deputy Foreign Minister Masao Takashima. They are expected to discuss a wide range of international and bilateral projects, including Japanese aid to help tap the natural resources of Siberia and Japan's demand that the Russians hand over four islands off Hokkaido which the Soviet Union occupied in the last days of World War Two.

### Brezhnev schedules visit to Hungary

MOSCOW, May 14 (R)—Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev is to make a three-day visit to Budapest at the end of this month, along with Hungarian Communist Party leader Janos Kadar. Informed sources said today. The 72-year-old Mr. Brezhnev, whose health has been the subject of considerable speculation in recent months, will make the return journey from Moscow only three weeks before he is due to meet U.S. President Jimmy Carter in Vienna. The scheduling of the visit so close to the summit appeared to suggest that the Kremlin chief's doctors were not unduly concerned about him, although the sources said he would have a light programme in Budapest. In the next few days, Mr. Brezhnev is expected to meet United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, who arrives in Moscow tomorrow at the end of an "Asian tour," and will also talk with President Tito of Yugoslavia.

### French communists widen rift with socialists

PARIS, May 14 (R)—France's Communist Party ended its congress yesterday after widening the rift with its former socialist allies making less probable any fresh pact with them in the presidential elections. The socialist-communist alliance collapsed before the general elections last year. During the five-day congress Communist leader Georges Marchais accused Socialist Party leader Francois Mitterrand of using left-wing rhetoric to disguise what really right-wing policies. His jibe prompted several socialist leaders to Pierre Beregovoy to comment in a radio interview that an early renewal of the electoral pact was not possible. Yesterday was topped up with voting for the party leadership and Mr. Marchais was elected. Votes for the Central Committee, which now includes women instead of 23, were made public for the first time.

### Zambian president lifts month-old curfew

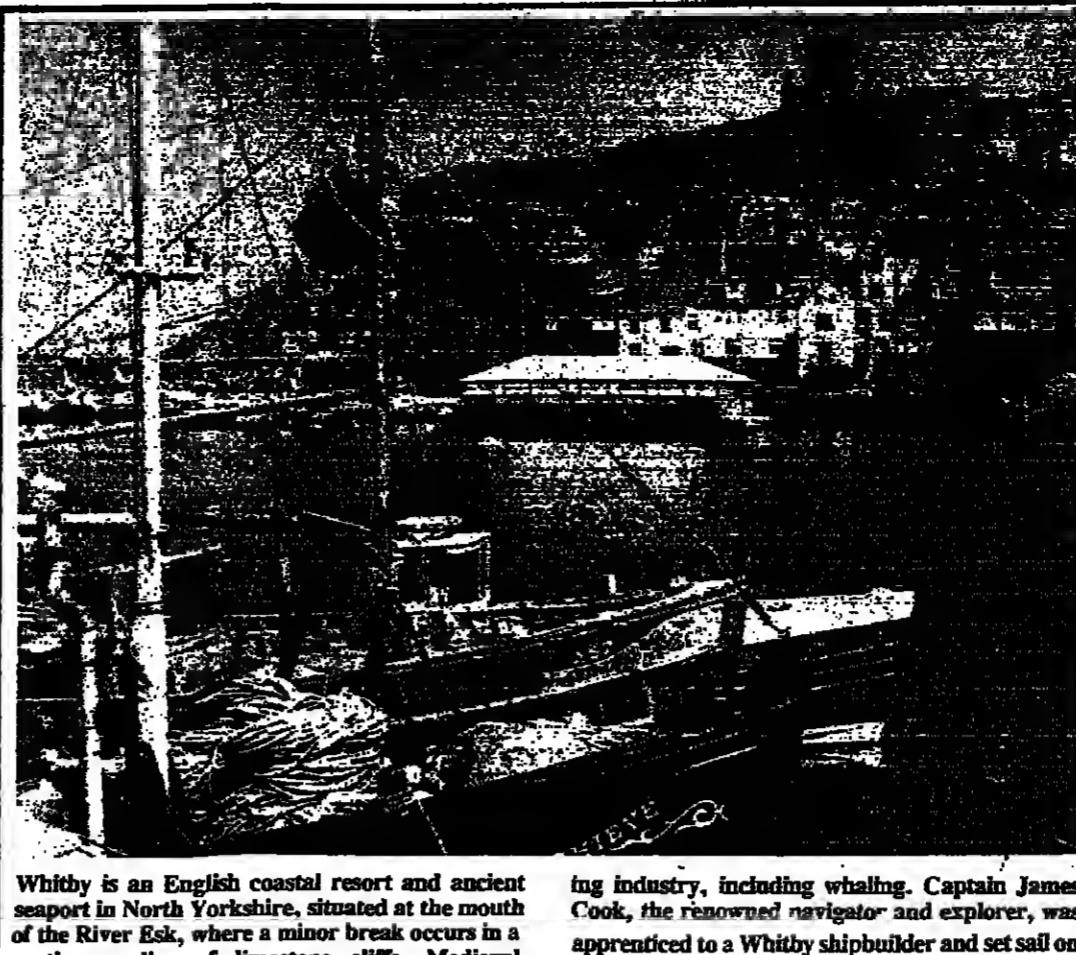
LUSAKA, May 14 (R)—Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda yesterday lifted the ten-hour curfew imposed almost four weeks after a Rhodesian commando raid on guerrilla leader Dr. Nkomo's house in Lusaka. But in calling on Zambians to remain vigilant and to go out after dark as little as possible, he nevertheless indicated that further Rhodesian attacks cannot be ruled out. The curfew took effect on April 16, three days after Rhodesians drove into Lusaka and demolished Mr. Nkomo's house, the liberation movement's office buildings in a fire-bomb raid in which virtually no resistance fired. Zambian troops in a nearby barracks. The curfew applied to virtually every town in the country except in the remote north-east. A statement said Dr. Kaunda now satisfied that the purpose of the curfew had been fulfilled. Security forces have shot dead three outlaw breakers, while several others and detained hundreds of people for not staying indoors.

### Italy: Guerrillas strike with wave of attack

ROME, May 14 (R)—Guerrillas bombed offices of politicians and a jail in a wave of overnight attacks in Rome three days before national elections, police said today. No injuries reported but the powerful blast in front of the Regina Coeli prison in Trastevere knocked out telephone service, water and electricity. Responsibility for the blast was claimed by the "Popular Revolutionary Movement," one of several groups claimed responsibility for the bombing of Rome's Michelangelo designed city hall last month. Police said bombers also struck offices of Italy's dominant Christian Democratic Party, moderate Social Democrats and Republicans. Damage was caused by the attack on Regina Coeli, police said the guerrillas planned a series of attacks and a timer in a car and left it parked at the entrance to prison. In Milan, Italy's financial capital, guerrillas blew up offices of an advertising agency and damaged a truck used to transport copies of the Communist Party newspaper *Unita*.

### Soviet cosmonauts tend garden in space

MOSCOW, May 14 (AP)—Soviet cosmonauts Vladimir Lyakhov and Valery Ryumin who have been orbiting the earth for nearly four months, are growing their own spring onions in a small box aboard the Salyut 6 space station, Tass reported today. The news agency said the unmanned Progress 5 supply craft launched yesterday is carrying an about-to-bloom tulip to the gardeners. The two cosmonauts are continuing a programme of experiments of weightlessness and other space flight factors on previous cosmonauts have grown mushrooms aboard Salyut. Agency said Mr. Lyakhov and Mr. Ryumin have harvested the crop of onions and eaten them after biologists at ground control go ahead, Tass said. The two also grow lettuce, parsnips and radishes for a psychological release from the rigours of flight and research, Tass said.



## Archbishop calls for action to relieve

### 'inhuman situation' in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, May 14 (AP)—Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero said yesterday the French and Venezuelan governments, whose embassies here are occupied by revolutionaries, must use "all diplomatic channels to bring a less inhuman situation to El Salvador."

The archbishop, an outspoken critic of the government of President Carlos Humberto Romero, urged the government to meet the revolutionary bloc's demands for the release of three imprisoned leaders and five other political prisoners. He said the church could not condone the occupations of the embassies and the Catholic cathedral, but the understood the necessity of the actions.

France's special emissary, Mr. Philip Cuvillier, said his government had met all the demands of the bloc, presented when 16 militants seized its embassy a week ago last Friday and took hostage six persons including Ambassador Michel Dondenne. He said his government "absolutely refused" to negotiate new demands for the release of five more political prisoners by the El Salvador Government.

Venezuela's special emissary, Mr. Regulo Velasco, arrived yesterday to help negotiate the release of eight hostages, including Ambassador Santiago Ochoa, held since last Friday. Mr. Velasco said in an interview, "The situation could be resolved soon."

But he refused to confirm or deny whether the ten militants in the embassy had been offered political asylum in Venezuela. He said he couldn't say anything, but he had instructions from President Herrera Campins to resolve the situation as "soon as possible."

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## Near-disaster haunts future of nuclear power

By David Lascles

NEW YORK: The valve that jammed on March 28 at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant in Pennsylvania did more trigger the gravest nuclear accident the U.S. has suffered so far; it also set off a new debate in America and abroad about the wisdom of harnessing the immense but still little understood power of the atom.

For the U.S., the crisis became little short of a national drama, with massive media coverage. Due to mechanical and human error, one of the two reactors at the plant "boiled over" and spewed radioactive gases into the atmosphere. Thousands of women and children were evacuated from the area, and engineers worked frantically to bring the reactor under control. But their job was complicated by big hydrogen bubbles trapped inside the reactor under great pressure which threatened to force cooling water away from the uranium fuel rods, and reduce the whole reactor to a pool of molten, radioactive metal.

For energy policymakers in Washington, headed by Energy Secretary Dr. James Schlesinger, the accident could hardly have come at a worse time.

Since the early 1970s, the U.S. has been viewing with alarm its growing dependence on oil imports, which last year came to account for nearly half of its total consumption. The solution was to develop alternative energy supplies, primarily natural gas, coal and nuclear power. Experts believe that this figure could be raised to 50 per cent in the next 25 years.

Dr. Schlesinger took advantage of the oil shortage caused by the Iranian crisis to press even harder for nuclear power. He had reason to be optimistic. President Carter, never a great